

Provo Business Park Drawing Interest

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Provo's industrial park complex is well underway and city officials say they are pleased with the interest developers are showing toward the site.

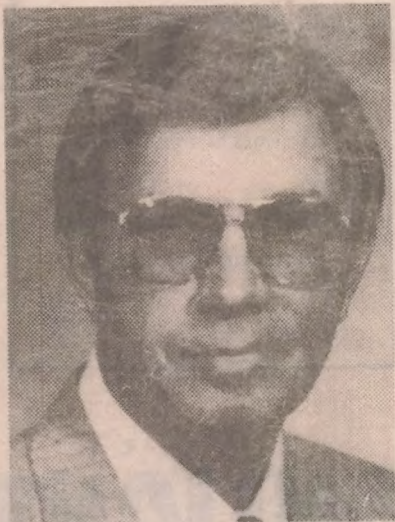
"In terms of potential development, business or industry, at the park, they're negotiating with several people but they're not ready to make an announcement yet," said Chet Waggener, Provo's chief administrative officer.

"There are some things that look promising, no final documents have been signed, but several people have come in to look at it," he said. Those firms came in at the personal invitation of Mayor Jim Ferguson and were impressed with the park's potential once they looked at plans and walked the site, said Waggener. Firms from Utah and out-of-state are showing "strong interest," he said.

Titled "East Bay, a Business and Research Park," the site includes 420 acres of land at the south end of Provo. An additional 170 acres of recreational property will feature a new 27-hole municipal golf course.

Unfortunately, the golf course won't be ready for play by spring-time because workers weren't able to seed the greens, said Waggener.

"Construction is moving ahead well, but high water from last



Chet Waggener

spring and summer prevented us from seeding the golf course," he said. "Seeding will probably be mid-summer of next year and at best we're looking at a few holes to play on late next summer." The full 18 holes won't be available until the spring of 1986, he said.

The project is expected to create 12,000 new jobs and have a projected annual payroll of \$248 million. Initial improvements will exceed \$11 million and projected land and building evaluation will reach more than \$115 million.

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